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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/16/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/09/02
BRO-FRY	158,522	161,063
LT HENS	1,783	1,781
HVY HENS	1,410	1,415

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 09-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	482	0	482
LAST WEEK	298	0	298
SAME WK YR AGO	571	4	575
TO DATE 2002	3,678	20	3,698
TO DATE 2001	5,470	56	5,526

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,116	1,319	3,435
LAST WEEK	2,003	1,341	3,344
SAME WK YR AGO	2,581	1,274	3,855
TO DATE 2002	21,572	12,805	34,377
TO DATE 2001	23,957	12,708	36,665

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 09-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	155,103 (A)	1,634	1,319	2,953
AVG WT	5.21	3.82	7.62	5.52
LAST WEEK	154,906	1,705	1,341	3,046
SAME WEEK YR AGO	152,138	2,010	1,270	3,280
AVG WT	5.18	3.54	7.81	5.19
TO-DATE/2002	1,525,923	17,894	12,785	30,679
TO-DATE/2001	1,491,334	18,487	12,652	31,139

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157 million head or 0.7 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING March 2, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	36,040	29,555	50,153
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.85	6.22
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	26%	43%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	33,933	27,575	42,775
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.79	6.18
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	26%	41%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	24,475	27,752	36,042
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.75	6.05
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	31%	41%
TO DATE/2002	287,192	207,367	420,025
TO DATE/2001	297,172	233,895	393,638

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-Feb-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,805	2,630	53	14	4,502
AVG WT	16.32	35.98	24.85	26.66	27.94
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,775	2,660	33	11	4,479
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,016	2,690	41	17	4,764
AVG WT	16.54	34.04	24.77	23.09	26.54
TO-DATE/2002	17,216	26,044	406	89	43,755
TO-DATE/2001	19,057	26,331	365	159	117,949

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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